

*****August 9, 2021*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Vicki Anderson
Councilmember Andrew Gardner
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin
See attached list for others present

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

Tom Francescon, Crown Point Rd. West, spoke in opposition to the proposed property tax increase. He stated he thinks the Town is not well managed for a long time.

Anne Hagood, James Boulevard, said she thinks the Town is well managed by current staff. She said that the current budget issues have broader scope and she spoke in support of the proposed tax increase and pay plan.

Dick Graham, James Boulevard, said he believes the Town has been well managed.

There being no further requests, the meeting proceeded.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS "DRIVER SAFETY" MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "FY 2021-2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE".

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance was approved by roll call vote, with 4 in favor and with Councilmember Gardner opposed.

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13, CHAPTERS 2 AND 3 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE."

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the first reading of the ordinance was approved.

3. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-107 OF THE TOWN CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW WATER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN WATER UTILITY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Mayor Poss seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second reading of the ordinance was approved.

4. "AN ORDINANCE TO RETAIN AND RE-ADOPT TITLE 14, CHAPTER 4, "DESIGN PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS", OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. Town Attorney, Harry Cash, asked the Council to change the first line of the second WHEREAS paragraph so that it reads: "WHEREAS, recently enacted State law provides that municipalities may adopt...".

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance with the changes proposed by Mr. Cash. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the first reading of the ordinance was approved.

5. "AN ORDINANCE TO RETAIN AND RE-ADOPT TITLE 14, CHAPTER 4, SECTIONS 408 and 409, OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance with the changes proposed by Mr. Cash. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the first reading of the ordinance was approved.

Discussion

- a. Schedule for Check Signing. The Council adopted the following schedule:
- August – Councilmember Landrum
September – Mayor Poss
October – Vice Mayor Murdock
November – Councilmember Gardner
December – Councilmember Anderson
- b. AHO Agreement Review. After discussion, the Council asked staff to place the contract for the Administrative Hearing Officer on the August 18, Special Called Meeting agenda.

Manager's Report

Mr. Veal explained that the State has recently indicated they are reducing the right-of-way required for the Highway 127 improvement project.

Mr. Veal said he plans to attend the City Managers conference in Chattanooga on September 1 through September 3.

Mr. Veal said he plans to attend the Tennessee Municipal League conference September 18 through September 21 which will also be held in Chattanooga.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the State is presenting a Level 2 Elected Officials Academy on September 17 and September 18.

Other Business

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. None
- b. Reports from Committees or Boards.

Mayor Poss said the Planning Commission will be discussing sub-division regulations at their next meeting. He also said they will have a worksession on August 28 or September 9 to discuss the zoning ordinance.

Mayor Poss said that John Freeman has asked the Planning Commission to consider allowing structure such as roofs over patios to be excluded from setback requirements.

- c. Other. None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Charles Poss, Mayor

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Recorder